

Appendix 4

Public Participation Survey



Bonneville County Questionnaire Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Planning

This questionnaire is being provided to you on behalf of the Bonneville County Commissioners to solicit feedback, and aid in the development of the Bonneville County Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Mitigation Plan. The Plan seeks to reduce the threat of wildfire damage within the wildland/urban interface areas in the county through hazard identification, vulnerability assessment and risk mitigation. Mitigation measures will include, but are not limited to, wildfire prevention through reduction of fuels, increasing fire protection capabilities of communities, and public education. The goal of the program is to reduce the impact of wildfire spreading from public land onto private or community lands. You can help in this countywide effort by providing valuable information and comments, which will be used during the assessment process and in the development of potential mitigation alternatives for your community.

1. Which **Fire District** do you reside in?

Swan
Valley

Idaho Falls/ Bonneville
County Fire District #1

Ammon

Central

Unprotected

2. What specific locations within your community do you think are currently being exposed to extreme fire hazards and pose a wildfire risk to homes or property?

3. Have you participated in community-sponsored activities to reduce the risk of wildland fires or to protect residents from wildfires spreading from public land to private?

Yes

No

How can they be improved?

4. Would wildland fire education programs be beneficial?

Yes

No

5. Do you know what to do if a wildland fire affects your community?

Yes

No

6. Are you willing to support/participate in wildland/urban risk mitigation activities such as fuels reduction, code enforcement, road and bridge improvement, and/or education?

Yes

No

Please list those activities that you would be interested in participating or hearing about further.

7. If you are currently in an unprotected area would you be willing to be included in a current or new fire protection district?

Yes

No

8. If you are currently in an unprotected area would you be willing to improve your fire protection response level through increased property taxes if that taxation resulted in improved property protection and potential savings on homeowners' insurance?

Yes

No

9. Would a web page with wildland/urban interface fire mitigation information help keep the community informed?

Yes

No

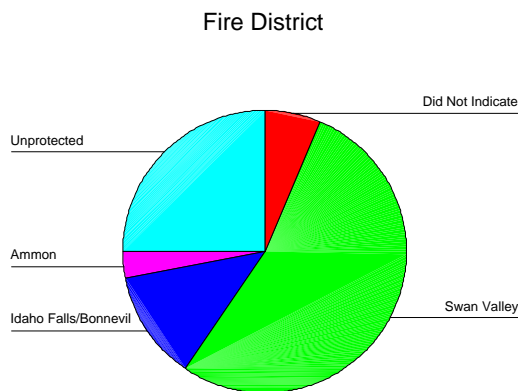
Additional questions or comments can be provided to EMERGENCY RESPONSE SOLUTIONS, Operations Manager Wes Jones 208-552-2627 or wjones@ersglobal.net.

Thank you for your assistance!

Bonneville County Questionnaire Results Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Planning

1. Which **Fire District** do you reside in?

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Did Not Indicate	2	6.3	6.3
Swan Valley	17	53.1	59.4
Idaho Falls/Bonneville County #1	4	12.5	71.9
Ammon	1	3.1	75.0
Unprotected	8	25.0	100.0
Total	32	100.0	



2. What specific locations within your community do you think are currently being exposed to extreme fire hazards and pose a wildfire risk to homes or property?

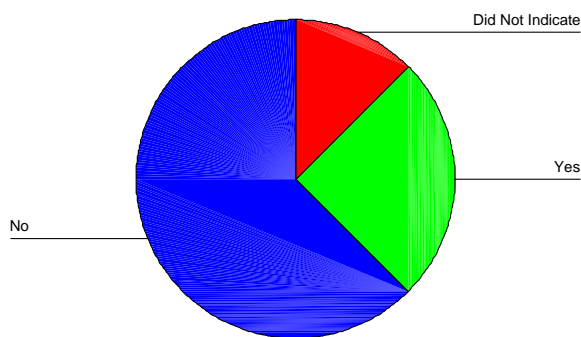
- ☐ Ammon and Iona
- ☐ The dead tree up bear creek
- ☐ Areas on the forest, left bank, side of the river
- ☐ Where ever people trespass on private property
- ☐ Increasing beetle killed forest areas
- ☐ West of Skyline
- ☐ We reside along the river, along Snake River Road, all state and federal lands should have a fuel reduction program instituted. The main problem is an inadequate road, often single lanes, congested and need a bridge.
- ☐ Canal behind home
- ☐ Calamity Summer Home Area
- ☐ All homes adjacent to public lands, i.e., Forest Service and BLM
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Fire works and forests – outdoor campfires
- ☐ Cabin properties on National Forest Land
- ☐ Summer home properties in Swan Valley district.
- ☐ In Swan Valley near the cabin
- ☐ CRP Fields full of weeds
- ☐ Don't know of any
- ☐ All of it, there is only one way in and out of the Hoffman Summer Homes

- ☐ Snake River Road
- ☐ Little Sheep Creek Road, Salisbury Estates, Irwin

3. Have you participated in community-sponsored activities to reduce the risk of wildland fires or to protect residents from wildfires spreading from public land to private?

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Did Not Indicate	4	12.5	12.5
Yes	8	25.0	37.5
No	20	62.5	100.0
Total	32	100.0	

Participated in Community Fire Prevention



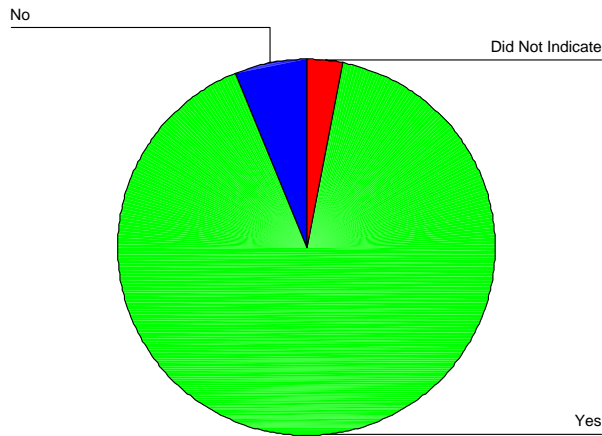
How can they be improved?

- ☐ I know of no such activities, if there are some please advise.
- ☐ We have no information about such programs or activities.
- ☐ Help in removing dead wood attended meetings – informed summer homeowners.
- ☐ I am not aware of activities to reduce risk of wildland fires in this community.
- ☐ Homeowners' association talks about safety but some people use outdoor fire pits and fireworks. Sparks from the campfires rise up into the pine trees; something bad is going to happen.
- ☐ The only activity that I am aware of in the Swan Valley area is Philbrick pushing people in summer home developments to eliminate fuel from around their properties.
- ☐ More dead tree removal on forest service lands
- ☐ Keep weeds and dead trees trimmed

4. Would wildland fire education programs be beneficial?

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Did Not Indicate	1	3.1	3.1
Yes	29	90.6	93.8
No	2	6.3	100.0
Total	32	100.0	

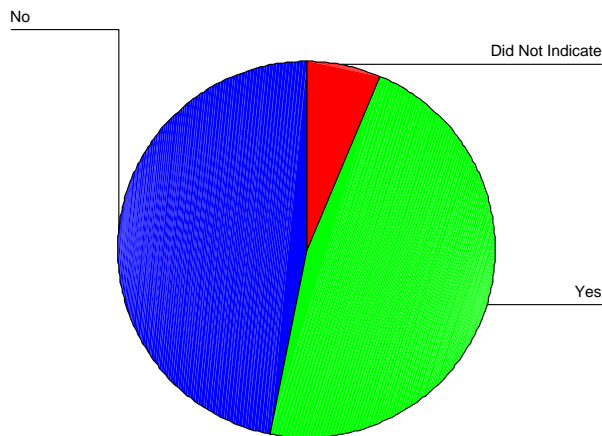
Wild Fire Education Beneficial



5. Do you know what to do if a wildland fire affects your community?

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Did Not Indicate	2	6.3	6.3
Yes	15	46.9	53.1
No	15	46.9	100.0
Total	32	100.0	

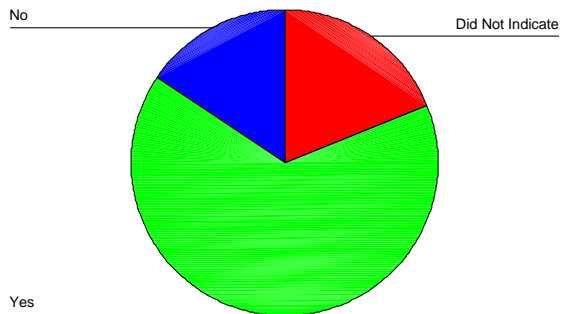
Know What to Do



7. Are you willing to support/participate in wildland/urban risk mitigation activities such as fuels reduction, code enforcement, road and bridge improvement, and/or education?

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Did Not Indicate	6	18.8	18.8
Yes	21	65.6	84.4
No	5	15.6	100.0
Total	32	100.0	

Willing to Participate

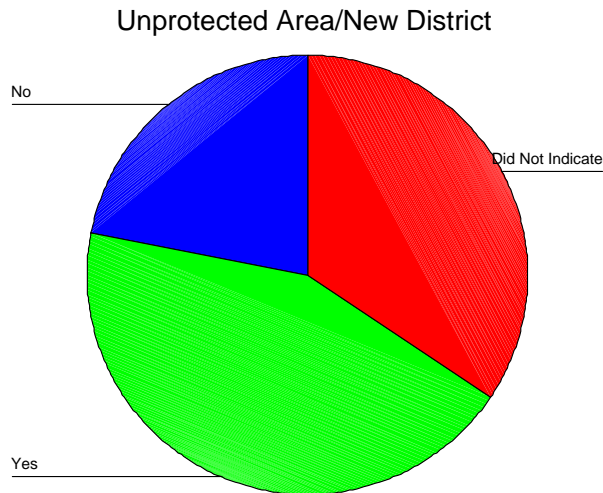


Please list those activities that you would be interested in participating or hearing about further.

- ☐ Road Improvement and Fuels Reduction
- ☐ Road and Bridge improvement and fire protection education.
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Road and Bridge Improvement, present road and bridge make fire protection and equipment moot in Swan Valley.
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Fuels Reduction
- ☐ Fuels Reduction, Road and Bridge Improvement
- ☐ Fuels Reduction Education
- ☐ Improvement of Snake River Road, Possible Bridge at Irwin
- ☐ How to be included in protection district

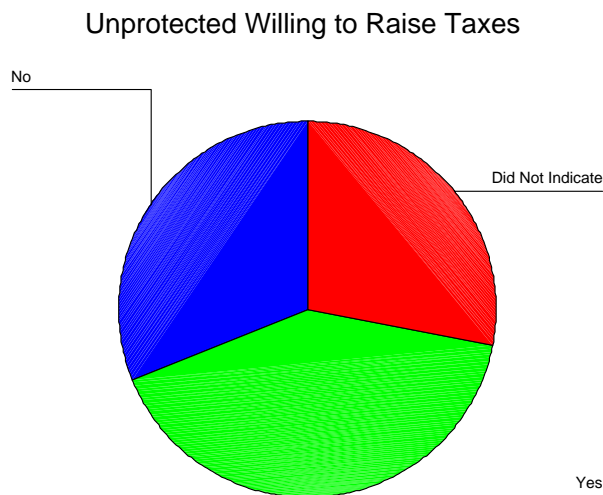
7. If you are currently in an unprotected area would you be willing to be included in a current or new fire protection district?

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Did Not Indicate	11	34.4	34.4
Yes	14	43.8	78.1
No	7	21.9	100.0
Total	32	100.0	



8. If you are currently in an unprotected area would you be willing to improve your fire protection response level through increased property taxes if that taxation resulted in improved property protection and potential savings on homeowners' insurance?

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Did Not Indicate	9	28.1	28.1
Yes	13	40.6	68.8
No	10	31.3	100.0
Total	32	100.0	



9. Would a web page with wildland/urban interface fire mitigation information help keep the community informed?

	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Did Not Indicate	4	12.5	12.5
Yes	17	53.1	65.6
No	11	34.4	100.0
Total	32	100.0	

Would a Web Page be Beneficial

